BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Trevor)	
Kershevich,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. 14-1209-TP-CSS
)	
AT&T Ohio,)	
Respondent.)	

<u>ENTRY</u>

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On July 9, 2014, Complainant, Trevor Kershevich, filed a complaint against Respondent, AT&T Ohio (AT&T). The complaint alleges that the parties are engaged in a dispute over charges Respondent has billed Complainant for internet service.
- (2) On July 28, 2014, AT&T filed its answer denying all the allegations in the complaint and a motion to dismiss.
- (3) At this time, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference. The purpose of the settlement conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-26, any statement made in an attempt to settle this matter without the need for an evidentiary hearing will not generally be admissible to prove liability or invalidity of a claim. An attorney examiner from the Commission's legal department will facilitate the settlement process. However, nothing prohibits either party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference.
- (4) Accordingly, a settlement conference shall be scheduled for September 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1246 in the offices of the Commission, 12th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. If a settlement is not reached at the

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conference, the attorney examiner may conduct a discussion of procedural issues. Procedural issues for discussion may include discovery dates, possible stipulations of facts, and potential hearing dates.

- (5) Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-26(F), the representatives of the public utility shall investigate the issues raised in the complaint prior to the settlement conference, and all parties attending the conference shall be prepared to discuss settlement of the issues raised and shall have the requisite authority to settle those issues. In addition, parties attending the settlement conference should bring with them all documents relevant to this matter.
- (6) As is the case in all Commission complaint proceedings, the complainant has the burden of proving the allegations of the complaint. *Grossman v. Public. Util. Comm.*, 5 Ohio St. 2d 189, 214 N.E. 2d 666 (1966).

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be held on September 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1246 in the offices of the Commission, 12th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Jeffrey R. Jones

By: Jeffrey R. Jones Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a settlement conference; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio